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## AIRCRAFT DESTINATION POLICY

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### PURPOSE

To establish criteria for the destination of EMS Aircraft dispatched by San Bernardino County Communication Center

### AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, Chapter 4 and 5, California Code of Regulations

### POLICY

1. All EMS Aircraft requests from the field in San Bernardino County will be dispatched by the San Bernardino County Communications Center.
2. At time of dispatch, San Bernardino County Communications Center will determine patient destination, based on the following:
  - a. Destination will alternate with each dispatch of EMS Aircraft between ARMC and LLUMC for all trauma patients that are not included in 4a – d and 5 below.
  - b. Trauma diversion will alter rotation.
  - c. Cancellation of EMS Aircraft in route will not alter rotation.
  - d. Crew will notify San Bernardino County Communication Center for patients meeting the criteria in categories 4a – d and 5 below.
3. The rotation of trauma hospital destination may not be appropriate for the following specialized patient categories. A trauma base hospital shall determine destination based upon the Trauma Triage Criteria Protocols Reference #s 8010 and 8012:
  - a. Contact ARMC for burns.
  - b. Patients under 15 years of age.
  - c. Severe chest trauma.
  - d. Amputations.
4. The rotation of trauma hospital destination may be altered by the following situations:
  - a. Patients who have cardiac arrest en-route will be directed to the closest appropriate facility.
  - b. Patient request will be honored in accordance with Protocol Reference #14009 Radio Communication.
  - c. If possible, all family members involved in an incident should be directed to the same facility.
  - d. If closest trauma center is outside of San Bernardino County, (Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, and Kern Counties or Arizona and Nevada) destination will be determined by a trauma base hospital not the San Bernardino County Communications Center.
5. An aircraft with a physician on board: To change destination, the physician shall consult with the trauma base hospital and shall notify the county Communications Center.